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SUBJECT: FURTHER GOG DENIAL OF US MILITARY BASE TRANSFERS TO CRETE

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1. DURING PAST WEEK A NUMBER OF REPORTS HAVE APPEARED IN RIZOSPASTIS (EXTERNAL COMMUNIST) AND AVGHI (INTERNAL COMMUNIST) BELABORING THE THEME THAT US FORCES PLANNED TO MOVE PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES FROM GREEK MAINLAND TO CRETE AND REPORTING AGITATION AGAINST THIS PUTATIVE INTENTION OF THE US FORCES AMONG VARIOUS CRETAN ORGANIZATIONS. THIS PRESS CAMPAIGN, AND THE AGITATION IT HAS FOSTERED ON CRETE, LED TO A JUNE 5 MEETING WITH DEFMIN AVEROFF OF ALL DEPUTIES FROM CRETE, REGARDLESS OF PARTY, TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION, AND ALSO PROMPTED DEPUTY NIKITAS VENIZELOS (CU/NF, CHANEA) TO POSE A TELEGRAPHIC QUERY TO AVEROFF.

2. JUNE 6 PRESS REPORTS QUOTE AVEROFF'S REPLY AS FOLLOWS:  
QTE I CATEGORICALLY REASSURE YOU AND I REPEAT AGAIN THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION WHATSOEVER OF THE TRANSFER OF SUCH U.S. BASES OR THEIR PERSONNEL FROM THE MAINLAND OF GREECE TO CRETE.  
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AT THE CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT,

ALL SUCH U.S. BASES, WHEREVER THEY ARE LOCATED IN GREECE,  
WILL BE PLACED UNDER GREEK COMMAND AND CONTROL. THE SIZE OF  
SOME OF THESE BASES WILL BE REDUCED. U.S. BASES REMAINING  
IN GREECE WILL BE USED FOR THE COUNTRY'S SECURITY. THEREFORE,  
ACCEPT THE FACT THAT SUCH ANXIETIES ARE INEXCUSABLE AND THAT  
EVERY REACTION IS CONTRARY TO THE NATION'S INTERESTS.  
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